Carmen Sæculare,

FOR

The YEAR 1700.

TO THE

KING.

Aspice venturo lætentur ut Omnia Sæc'lo:
mibi tam longæ maneat pars ultima vitæ,
piritus &, quantum sat erit tua dicere facta!
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Into the long Records of Ages past;
Call out the Years in fairest Action drest,
With noted White Superior to the rest;
Eras deriv'd, and Chronicles begun
From Empires founded, and from Battles won!
Show all the Spoils by Valiant Kings atchiev'd,
And Groaning Nations by their Arms reliev'd,
The Wounds of Patriots in their Country's Cause,
And happy Pow'r sustain'd by wholesom Laws;

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In comely Order march each Merit forth,
Mark ev'ry Act with it's intrinsic VVorth:
Then hast the Mighty Parallels to bring
To Modern Wonders and to Britam's KING.
VVith Equal Justice and Historic Care
Their Laws, their Toils, their Arms with his compare,
Confess the various Attributes of Fame
Collected and Compleat in WILLIAM's Name,
To all the list'ning World relate,
As thou dost his Story read,
That nothing went before so Great,
And nothing Greater can succeed.

Latium was thy Darling Care,
Prudent in Peace and Terrible in VVar:
The Boldest Virtues that have Govern'd Earth
From Latium's fruitful Womb derive their Birth.
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Turn thither the fair-written Page,

From dawning Childhood to establish'd Age

The Glories of the Empire trace,

Confront the Heroes of thy Roman Race,

And let fair Proof my bold Assertion grace.

If Mars's Son reduc'd the trembling Swains,
And spread his Empire o're the distant Plains,
The Sabins violated Charms
Obscur'd the Glory of his rising Arms.
Strict Religion Numa knew,
On ev'ry Altar laid the Incense due,
Unskill'd to dart the pointed Spear,
Or lead the forward Youth to Noble VVar.
Sealing his Justice with his Childrens Blood
Stern Brutus was with too much Horror good.
Fabius was VVise, but with excess of Care;
Ile sav'd his Gountry, but prolong'd the War.
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Fabricius, Paulus, Curius, greatly Fought,
And by their strict Examples taught
How dang'rous Lusts must be controll'd,
And how much brighter Virtue was than Gold;
But scarce their swelling Thirst of Fame cou'd hide,
And boasted Poverty with too much Pride.
Excess in Youth made Scipio less Rever'd,
And Cato dying, seem'd to own he Fear'd.
Julius with Honour tam'd Rome's Foreign Foes;
Too many Patriots fell e're the Dictator rose.
And tho' with Clemency Augustus Reign'd,
The Monarch was Ador'd, the City chain'd.

Let their Deserts with mighty Praise be drest,

But be their Failings too confest,

Their Virtue rowling like their Tyber's Flood;

Its rapid Force design'd their Country's Good:

But off the Torrents too impetuous Speed

From the low Earth tore some polluting Weed;

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And with the Blood of Jove there always rand.

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Few Virtues after these so far prevail,
But that their Vices more than turn the Scale:
Valour grown wild by Pride, and Pow'r by Rage,
Did the true Charms of Majesty impair;
Rome by degrees advancing more in Age,
Show'd sad Remains of what had once been fair;
Till Heav'n a better Race of Men supplies,
And Glory shoots new Beams from Western Skies.

Turn then to Pharamond and Charlemain,
And the long Heroes of the Gallic Strain;
Experienc'd Chiefs, for hardy Prowess known,
And in fierce Battels Bloody Lawrels won.
From the First William, our Great Norman King,
The Bold Plantagenets and Tudor's bring;

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Illustrious Heroes, who by turns have rose In Foreign Fields to check Britania's Foes. VVith happy Laws her Empire to sustain, And with full Power affert her ambient Main; But sometimes to industrious to be Great, Nor patient to expect the Turns of Fate, They open'd Camps deform'd by Civil Fight, And made proud Conquest trample over Right, Afflicted Britain mourn'd their doubtful Sway, And dreaded Both, when neither wou'd obey.

From Didier and Imperial Adolph trace
The fruitful Offspring of Great NASSAW's Rac
Devoted Lives to publick Liberty,
The Chief still dying, or the Country free.
Next fee the Kindred Blood of ORANGE flow
From VVarlike Cornet, thro' the Loins of Beau
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Thro' Chalon next, and there with NASSAW join, From Rhosnes fair Banks transplanted to the Rhine;
Then call the Royal List of STUARTS forth,
Undaunted Minds that Rul'd the rugged North,
Till Heav'ns Decrees by rip'ning Times are shown,
'Till Scotland's Kings ascend the English Throne,
And the fair Rivals live for ever One.

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Janus, Mighty Deity,

Be kind, and as thy fearching Eye

Does our Modern Story trace,

Finding fome of STUART's Race

Unhappy, pass their Annals by,

No harsh Reflection let Remembrance raise,

Forbear to mention what thou canst not praise,

But as thou dwell'st upon that Heav'nly * Name,

To Grief for ever Sacred as to Fame, * Maria.

Oh! read it to thy self, in silence weep,

And thy Convulsive Sorrows inward keep,

Lest

Lest Britain's Grief shou'd waken at the Sound, And Blood gush fresh from Her Eternal Wound.

Whither wou'dst thou further look: Read WILLIAM's Acts, and close the ample Book; Peruse the Wonders of his blooming Life, His Infant Patience calming Factious Strife, Quelling the Snakes that round his Cradle ran, For WILLIAM thus, Alcides thus began.

Describe his Youth attentive to Alarms, By Dangers form'd, and perfected in Arms, (grac'd When Conquering mild, when Vanquish'd not dil By Wrongs not leffen'd, nor by Triumphs rais'd, Superior to the blind Events Of little Human Accidents, And constant to his first Decree, To curb the Proud, to set the Injur'd free, To bow the haughty Neck, and raise the suppliant

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His opening Years to riper Manhood bring, nd see the Hero perfect in the King, mperious Arms by Manly Reason sway'd, and happy Pow'r by free Consent obey'd: Vith how much halt his Mercy meets his Foes, and how unbounded his Forgiveness flows; Vith what Defire he makes his Subjects Bleft, lis Favours granted e're his Throne addrest; What Trophies o're our captiv'd Hearts he rears, y Moderation greater than by Wars; low o're Himself, as o're the World he Reigns. is Life enforcing what his Law ordains.

Through all his Thread of Life already spun, ecoming Grace and proper Action run; y equal Virtues all the Piece is wrought, lixt with no Crime, and shaded with no Fault, No Footsteps of the Victor's Rage popliant Left in the Camp where WILLIAM did engage;

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No Tincture of the Monarch's Pride
Upon the Royal Purple spy'd:
His Fame, like Gold, the more 'tis try'd,
The more shall its intrinsic Worth proclaim,
Shall pass the Combat of the searching Flame,
And triumph o're the vanquish'd Heat,
For ever coming out the same,
And losing nor its Lustre, nor its VVeight.

Janus, be to WILLIAM just,
To future History his Actions trust,
Bid her with peculiar Care
Trace ev'ry Toil, and mention ev'ry VVar:
His saving VVonders bid her write
In shining Characters distinctly bright,
Fair to be read, when all that we can give
To make our Master's Glory live,

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Does of it felf infensibly decay,
Then Time the Marble and the Brass devours,
and envious Winters in sure Ruin lay
The Pride of Namur's Towers.

Against what Human Force cou'd do,
By WILLIAM's Valour were alarm'd,
Were subdu'd by WILLIAM's Blow:
WILLIAM mounted Namur's Towers,
cond him Jove, and Pallas, Mighty Powers;
He slew like Perseus through the Air,
The utmost dreadful height to gain,
WILLIAM and the God of VVar
Can only Toils like these sustains,
Cks, Rivers, Mountains, Armies, Fire,
To stop his Glorious Course conspire:
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VVhy will they conspire in vain?

VVhat can WILLIAM's Force restrain?

Behold him from the dreadful height appear,

And lo, Britania's Lions waving there!

Europe freed, and France dismay'd,
WILLIAM from the height survey'd;
He order'd VVar and Rage to cease,
He bid the Maese and Rhine in safety flow,
And dictated a lasting Peace,
To the rejoicing VVorld below.
To rescu'd States, and vindicated Crowns,
His Equal hand prescrib'd their ancient Bounds,
Ordain'd whom ev'ry Province shou'd Obey,
How far each Monarch shou'd extend his Sway
Taught 'em how Grace made Majesty rever'd,
And how the Prince belov'd was truly fear'd:
Firm by his side Unspotted Honour stood,
Confessing him less Great than Good:

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his Head with brighter Beams fair Glory deckt, han those which all his num'rous Crowns reflect; stablish't Freedom clapt her joyful Wings, inue proclaim'd the first of Men, and Fame the best Tof Kings Whither is wild Fancy brought? Whither wou'd the Muse aspire VVith Pindar's Rage without his Fire? Pardon me, Janus, 'twas a Fault Created by too great a Thought: Mindless of the God and Day I from thy Altars, Fanus. Stray, rom thee, and from my felf born far away. The fiery Pegasus disdains omind the Rider's Voice, or hear the Reins, hen glorious Fields and opening Camps he views, He runs with an unbounded Loofe; ardly the Muse can sit the headstrong Horse,

or wou'd she if she cou'd check his impetuous force.

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VVith the glad Noisethe Cliffs and Valleys Ring,
While she thro' Earth and Air pursues her Godlik
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She now beholds him on the Belgic Shore, VVhilst Britain's Tears his ready help implore, Diffembling for our fakes his rifing Cares, And with wife Silence pond'ring vengeful VVars. She thro' the raging Ocean now Views him advancing his adventrous Prow, Combating adverse VVinds and VVinters Seas, Sighing the Moments that defer our Ease; Daring to weild the Scepter's dang'rous VVeight, And taking the Command, to fave the State; Tho' e're the doubtful Gift can be secur'd, New Wars must be sustain'd, new Wounds endur Anon in Irish Camps she finds her Theme, And plunges after him thro' Boyn's fierce Stream She bids the Nereids run with trembling haft, To tell Old Ocean how the Hero past;

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Ring, he God rebukes their Fear and owns the Praise Godlik Porthy that Arm, whose Empire he obeys.

She thence to Albion does the Victor bring, him with Io's greets her happy King; the declines the Altars she wou'd raise, teepts the Zeal, tho' he rejects the Praise. In the follows him thro' Belgia's Land, and Nations often sav'd by WILLIAM's hand, anges Confederate Armies on the Plains, and in pitch'd Battels bleeding Conquest gains; hence to the Points of Armed Rocks aspires, at hollow Mountains bellowing hidden Fires, sholds the Rocks submit, the Mountains bow, dwilling Nations Crown the Common Victor's Brow,

dden another Scene employs her Sight, elets her Hero in another Light, into his Great Mind Superiour to Success, clining Conquest to establish Peace;

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She brings Astrea down to Earth again, And Quiet brooding o're his future Reign.

Then with unweary'd Wing the Goddess soars Eastward, to Danube and Propontus Shores,

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VVhere jarring Empires ready to engage Retard their Armies, and suspend their Rage; 'Till WILLIAM's Word like that of Fate declars If they shall study Peace, or lengthen VVars;

How facred His Renown for equal Laws, To him the VVorld defers its Common Cause! How fair his Friendships, and his Leagues how just: Him all Religions, him all Nations trust.

From the Maotis, to the Northern Sea,
The Goddess wings her desperate VVay,
Sees the young Moscovite, the mighty Head
VVhose Sovereign Terror Forty Nations dread,
Inamour'd with a Greater Monarch's Praise,
And passing half the Earth, to His Embrace;
She in His Rule beholds His Volga's Force,

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O'er Precipices, with impetuous Sway Breaking, and as it rowls its violent Course, Drowning, or Bearing down what-ever meets its way. But her own King she likens to His Thames, Serene, yet Strong, exempt from all Extreams, And with fair Speed devolving fruitful Streams. Each ardent Nymph the rising Current craves, Each Shepherd's Prayer retards the parting Waves; Round either Bank the Vales their Sweets disclose, Fresh flowers for ever rise, and fruitful Harvest grows. VVhither wou'd the Goddess go, Sees the not Clouds, and Earth and Main below? Minds she the dangers of the Lycian Coast, And Fields where mad Belerophon was loft?

Or is her daring Flight reclaim'd

By Seas, from *Icarus*'s Downfal nam'd?

Vain is the Call and useless the Advice,

To wise Persuasion deaf and human Cries,

Linuard the incoffent flice.

Upward she incessant flies,

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Refolv'd to reach the high Empyreal Sphere, And tell Great Jove, she sings his Image here. To ask for WILLIAM an Olympic Crown To Chromius Strength and Theron's Speed unknown, 'Till loft in ample Fields of shining Day, Unable to discern the Way Which NASSAW's Virtue only cou'd explore, Untouch'd, unknown, to any Muse before, She from the noble Precipices thrown, Comes rushing with uncommon Ruin down. Glorious Attempt! Unhappy Fate! Too bold the Strong, the Hero was too Great; She chuses rather thus to die, Than in continued Annals live to fing A fecond Hero or a vulgar King; And with Ignoble Safety fly In fight of Earth, along a middle Sky.

To Janus Altars and the numerous Throng That round his bolted Temples press For Am!

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For WILLIAM's Life, and Albion's Peace,
Ambitious Muse reduce the roving Song.

Janus cast thy forward Eye

Future, into Great Rhea's pregnant Womb,
VVhere young Ideas brooding lie,
And tender Images of things to come;

'Till by thy high Commands releas'd,
Itill by thy Hand in proper Atoms dress'd,
In decent Order they advance to Light,
Yet then too swiftly fleet by Human Sight
And meditate too soon their everlasting Flight.

Nor Beaks of Ships in Naval Triumph born,
Nor Standards from the hostile Rampart torn,
Nor Trophies brought from Battles won,
The Oaken Garland, nor the Mural Crown,
Can to Victorious WILLIAM's Name
Augmented Honours give:

Augmented Honours give:
He is an ample Plenitude of Fame,
Incapable Addition to receive.

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Shut then, auspicious God, thy Mystic Gate,

And make us Happy as our KING is Great, Be kind, and with a milder Hand Closing the Volumn of the finish'd Age, (Tho' Noble, 'twas an Iron Page) A more delightful Leaf expand; Free from Alarms, and fierce Bellona's Rage. Bid the great Months begin their joyful Round, By Flora fome, and fome by Ceres Crown'd; Command the laughing hours to fcatter as they fly,

Soft Quiet, gentle Love, and endless Joy;

Distribute Years for Peace and Plenty fam'd,

And Times from better Mettle nam'd.

Secure by WILLIAM's Care let Britain stand, Nor dread the bold Invaders Hand; From other Shores in Safety let her hear Foreign Calamity and diffant War, Of which no Portion she shall bear. Betwixt the Nations let her hold the Scale, And as the wills, let either part prevail;

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Let her glad Vallies smile with ripen'd Corn,
Let Fleecy Flocks her rising Hills adorn;
Around her Coast, let strong Defence be spread,
Let fair abundance on her Breast be shed.,
And let Eternal Sweets bloom round the Goddess
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Be her Heroes future Charge;
To write his own Memoirs, and leave His Heirs
High Schemes of Government and Plans of Wars;
To hardy Feats our Noble Youth to raife
And stimulate Defert, with thirst of Praise;
To lead them out from Ease e'er opening Dawn,
Through the thick Forest and the distant Lawn,
Where the fleet Stag employs their ardent Care,
And Chases give them Images of VVar.
To teach them Vigilance by false Alarms,
Inure them in seigned Camps to real Arms,
Practise them now to Curb the turning Steed
Mocking the Foe, now to His rapid speed
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Give all the Rein, and midst the full Career Draw the sure Sword, or send the pointed Spear.

To plant Societies for peaceful Arts,
Increase our Learning and unite our Hearts;
Some that in Nature shall true Knowledge found,
And by Experiment make Precept sound;
Some that to Morals shall recal the Age,
And purge from vitious Dross the sinking Stage;
Some that with Care true Eloquence shall teach,
And to just Ideoms six our doubtful Speech:
That distant Realms may from our Authorsknow,

The Thanks we to our MONARCH owe; And Schools profess our Tongue through ev'ry Land, That have invok'd his Aid, or blest his Hand.

Let His High Power the drooping Muses rear, 'The Muses only can reward his Care: 'Tis they that Guard Great Agamemnon's Spoils, 'Tis they that still renew Ulysses Toyls,

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The mutual Obligation hide,
The Hero's Virtue does the String inspire
When with big Joy, they strike the living Lyre:
On WILLIAM's Fame their Fate depends,
The Song with Him begins, with Him it ends;
From the bright Effluence of His Deed,
They borrow that reflected Light,
With which the lasting Lamp they feed, (Night.
Whose Beams shall ever chase the Damps of envious

From the wild Ruins of the Ancient Court, et a new Phænix her young Columns rear, smay the Greatness of this Reign support,

An Object worthy WILLIAM's Care;

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Be her spacious Rooms design'd;

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Let every Sacred Pillar bear Trophies of Arms and Monuments of VVar, There shall the KING in Parian Marble Breath, His Shoulder bleeding fresh, and at His Feet Difarm'd and Stopt shall lie the threatn'd Death, (For fo was faving Jove's Decree compleat) His Genius plac'd behind defends the Blow; Disembled VV aters from the Basis flow, And Boyn's Triumphant Flood is known, For ever in the VVounded Stone. Before the Palace, Thames shall softly glide, VVith dear Affection forming long delay, Unwilling to be forc'd away, Tho' all the Sifter-Rivers chide, Fond of Her Lord, forgetful of her Tide.

And thou Imperious Windsor stand enlarg'd, VVith all the Stores of Britain's Honour charg'd. Thou the fair Heaven that dost the Stars enclose, Which WILLIAM's bosom wears, his hand belto

To the Great Champions that support His Throne, And Virtues nearest to His own; Round Ormand's knee, thou tyeft the Mystic String, That makes the Knight Companion to the KING; Returning Glorious from the Foreign Field, n Thee he pays his Vows and hangs his Shield. Thou smiling see's Great Dorset's Worth confest; Transcendent Goodness in just Honours drest, The Ray diffinguishing the Patriot's Breast. 0: long as Breath informs this fleeting Frame, Ve'er let me pass in Silence Dorset's Name; le'er cease to mention the continued Debt, Which the great Patron only wou'd forget, and Duty long as Life must study to acquit.) thee Great Cavendish Name shall long be known he Father's Light transmitted to the Son. Thee the Seymours, and the Talbot's Line, Vith high Preheminence shall ever shine. nd if a God these lucky Numbers guide, fure Apollo o'er the Song preside, Hersey.

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Fersey, Belov'd by All as well as Me Shall at thy Altars bow, shall own to Thee The fairest Mark of Favour and of Fame, Familiar to the Villiers Name.

Through various Climes, and to each distant Pole, In happy Tides let active Commerce rowl; Let Britain's Ships export an Annual Fleece, Richer than Argos brought to ancient Greeces Returning Loaden with the shining Stores VVhich lie Profuse on either India's Shores: As our high Vessels pass their VVatry VVay, Let all the Naval VV orld due Homage pay; With hafty Reverence their Top-Honours lower, · Confessing the Asserted Power, To whom by Fate 'twas given with happy Sway, To calm the Earth and vindicate the Sea.

(fhall g Our Prayers are heard, and WILLIAM's Fleet As far as Winds can bear, or VVaters flow;

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New Lands to make, new Indies to explore,
In VV orlds unknown to Plant Britannia's Power;
Nations yet wild, by Precept to reclaim,
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VVith humble Joy, and with respectful Fear,
he list ning People shall his Story hear;
he Wounds He bore, the Dangers he sustain'd,
low far He Conquer'd, and how well He Reign'd;
hall own His Mercy equal to His Fame,
nd form their Children's Accents to his Name,
nquiring how, and when, from Heaven He came.
heir Regal Tyrants shall with Blushes hide
heir little Lusts of Arbitrary Pride,
lor longer bear to see their Vassals ty'd:

When WILLIAM's Virtues raise their opening

Then WILLIAM's Virtues raise their opening is forty years for public Freedom fought, [thought,

Europe by His Hand fustain'd

His own Stupendious Victories restrain'd, ado're the righted World eternal triumph gain'd.

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No longer shall their wretched Zeal adore Ideas of Destructive Power, Spirits that hurt, and Godheads that Devour: New Incense they shall bring, new Altars raise, And fill their Temples with a Stranger's Praise, VVhen the Great Father's Character they find Visibly stamp'd upon the Hero's Mind; And own a present Deity confest, In Valour that preferv'd, and Power that bleft.

Through the large Convex of the Azure Sky, (For thither Nature casts our common Eye) Fierce Meteors shoot their Arbitrary Light, And Comets march with lawless Horror bright; These hear no Rule, no Righteous Order own, Their Influence dreaded, as their Ways unknown Thro' threatn'd Landsthey wild Destruction throw Till ardent Prayer averts the publick Woe: But the bright Orb that bleffes all above, The facred Fire, the real Son of Jove,

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Nor by ungovern'd Power declines to Ill,
Fixt by just Laws he goes for ever Right,
and Man, that knows his Course, adores his Light.

() Janus! wou'd intreated Fate conspire To grant what Britain's VVishes cou'd require, That Sun shou'd cease his Destin'd VVay to go, E'er WILLIAM cease to Govern all below:

But a relentless Destiny
Urges all that e'er was born,
Her absent Lord Britannia once must mourn,
and of the Demi-God the Earthly-half must die:
Set if our Incense can excite your Care,
I Heavenly VVills relent to Human Pray'r,
ixert Great God thy Interest in the Sky,

That Conquer'd by the Public Vow, They keep the difmal Mischief long away, and far as lengthen'd Nature may allow, leicht with happy Power the threatn'd Day.

ain ev'ry Tutelary Deity;

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Into the Ocean for his Life defign'd, Throw, bounteous Heav'n, innumerable Hours, And that stern Fate its strict Account may find, Make up that Loss by taking them from Ours. Deep in this Age let Him extend His Sway, And our late Sons with chearful Awe obey. On His fure Virtue long let Earth rely, And late let the Imperial Eagle fly. To bear the Hero through His Father's Sky. To Great Eneas, to Themistocles, To Pollux, Thefeus, Hercules, And all the Radient Names above, Rever'd by Men, and Dear to Jove; Late let the New-born NASSAW-Star With dawning Majesty appear, To Triumph over vanquish'd Night, And Guide the British Mariner,

With everlafting Beams of Friendly Light.